

MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 14-01-28

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Commission Meeting: January 28, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of January 23, 2014

2. Disposal Service of Montana TN2603 (Nickie)

Bayside Disposal, Inc. d/b/a Disposal Service of Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9412 to City of Cut Bank, a Municipal Entity, Cut Bank, Montana from January 18, 2014 to January 18, 2015. Proposed Motion: Approve the continued lease of PSC No. 9412 as requested.

Class D - Refuse, meaning all putrescible and non-putrescible solid wastes, garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes, solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes, and any other abandoned waste, between all points and places within the city of Cut Bank, Montana and an eleven (11) mile radius thereof. Carrier is authorized to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

3. Dick Irvin, Inc. TN2604 (Brenda)

Dick Irvin, Inc., Shelby, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9392 to Irvin, Inc. and Mico, Inc. d/b/a I & T Transfer, Shelby, Montana for a one year period, January 6, 2014 to January 6, 2015. Proposed Motion: Approve the continued lease of PSC No. 9392 as requested.

SUB F Class B - Property within the town of Fairfield, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said town, and the transportation of building materials only within a distance not exceeding 150 miles in any direction from said town of Fairfield. Limitation: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

SUB L Class B - Property in Oilmont, Montana, and in the oil fields tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said town. Limitations: The transportation of property between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route, is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

SUB M Class B - Property within the City of Conrad, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said town. Limitations: The transportation of property between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini, or over a regular route, is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

4. Out-of-state travel (Justin)

Staff requests approval of the request of Lori Sandru and Brenda Koch to travel to Olympia, Washington, on February 23, returning February 27, 2013, to attend a Consumer Affairs staff training opportunity put on by Regulatory Partners, being held at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. Probable motion: Move to approve the travel request.

5. Out-of-state travel (Mandi)

Staff requests approval for Angie Hall-Pierson to travel to Minneapolis, Minnesota to attend The Future of Government Finance Conference. The conference runs from May 18 to May 21 and is put on by the Government Finance Officers Association. Probable motion: Move to approve the travel request.

6. Project Telephone Company N2014.1.4 (Scott)

On December 30, 2013 Project Telephone Company filled revisions and additions to their Exchange and Network Service Tariff. The revision included Section IV with changes to the table of contents; changes in the rates for Call Waiting/Caller ID Name from \$7.00 to \$2.00 and Call Waiting/ Caller ID Number from \$5.00 to \$2.00; addition of these services to the list of Star*Classic service; and defining both Call Waiting/Caller ID Name and Call Waiting/ Caller ID Number. Probable motion: Move to approve the tariff revisions.

7. BLACK HILLS POWER D2013.12.88 (Eric)

On December 17, 2013, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on December 23, 2013. Requests for hearing were due by January 17, 2014. No requests have been received. This application will increase revenues by \$86,878 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted. Probable motion: Grant BHP's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. PSC proposed rules for small water and sewer utilities – Discuss and act on proposed rules. (1/28/14)
2. D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval to Purchase and Operate the Hydroelectric Facilities of PPL Montana, LLC – Discuss and act on NorthWestern's "Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Information and Brief in Support" regarding the list of capital expenditures formulated by PPL Montana, LLC and requested in Data Request PSC-018. (1/28/14)
3. Placeholder - D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval to Purchase and Operate the Hydroelectric Facilities of PPL Montana, LLC – Discuss and act on NorthWestern's "Motion for Protective Order and Brief in Support of Personal Information". (1/28/14)
4. D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application to Purchase and Operate PPL's Hydroelectric Facilities – Discuss and determine adequacy of NorthWestern Energy's application pursuant to 69-8-421, MCA. (1/28/14)

Other Meetings

1/29/14 – 12:00-1:30 p.m. – NRRI teleseminar: "Something new under the sun? Updates on solar industry issues in the U.S" (Commission Conference Room – no web audio feed)

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

1. NorthWestern Energy D2013.12.85 (Jason)

On January 17, 2014, NorthWestern Corporation doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) filed a Motion for Protective Order to protect as a trade secret certain information to be filed in this Docket. Specifically, NorthWestern seeks to protect the description column and the annual amount columns of the itemized list of capital expenditures for the generation facilities currently owned by PPL Montana, LLC (PPLM), which PPLM provided to NorthWestern and the Montana Public Service Commission requested on December 27, 2013 (see Data Request PSC-018). The list of capital expenditures contains information about PPLM's operations and budget for its generation facilities from 2013 through 2017, including details about planned maintenance and the cost of such maintenance.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2014.1.5 – NorthWestern Energy - Application for Approval of Avoided Cost Tariff for New Qualifying Facilities

D2014.1.6 - Qwest Corporation - Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and BearCreek Networks, LLC Application for Approval of the Adoption of the Terms of the Wireline Interconnection Agreements between BearCreek Networks, LLC and Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC

D2014.1.7 - Crazy Mountain Wind, LLC - Petition of Crazy Mountain Wind, LLC for Certification of an Eligible Renewable Resource and Community Renewable Energy Project and Petition for Declaratory Ruling

D2014.1.8 - CenturyTel of Montana Inc. - CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Teleport Communications of America, LLC - Application for Interim Arrangement of the Terms of the Wireline Interconnection Agreements between Teleport Communications of America, LLC

D2014.1.9 - Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC - Petition of Greycliff Wind Prime, LLC for Certification of an Eligible Renewable Resource and a Community Renewable Energy Project, or in the Alternative, Petition for Declaratory Ruling